

## **Big Flats Parks Commission Meeting**

March 16, 2010

**Members Present:** Sheila Dilmore, Deanne Williams, Sue Brinthaup, and Mark Gould

**Town Board Members:** None

**Present:** Larry Wagner, (DPW), Shelly Diliberto, (Secretary)

**Absent:** Chris Friend, Rick Smith, and Mike Smith

The meeting was called to order by Sheila Dilmore at 7:05 p.m.

I. Sheila read the letter received from Len Kaner requesting renaming Community Park Extension to Big Flats Patriot Park and affix American Flags to each of the light posts surrounding the walking trail. Comments were heard and discussed. The long range goal is Community Park Extension and Community Park will be one park, being they are connected. Sheila called for a vote, Deanne motioned to reject the suggestion, seconded by Sue and passed with all in favor.

II. Mark announced the change in dates for Community Days – which will now be June 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The Challenger League will be moving elsewhere instead of changing their date to make use of the Community Days tents. Discussion ensued regarding the complications, conflicts and improvements as well as other issues surrounding the date change.

III. Sheila spoke to a resident who raised the question of when the Whitney Park walking trail will be started and/or completed and if plans were still to do that. Larry updated the group stating that Whitney Park is tied in with the Jackson Farm Detention Basin – top soil will be used at Whitney Park. Still awaiting final approvals from FEMA and SEMO. Ed Fairbrother has mentioned requesting donations from area industries to fund building the walking trail.

IV. Larry updated the group on the following:

- ▶ Cinderella concession: Progress has been moving along – had to hold up the inside walls during the cold weather but continues now.

- ▶ Bottcher's Boat Launch: River Friends, Jim Pffiffer, is planning on erecting a 12'x24' pavilion for public use done with grants and donations – could be constructed mid to late summer. DPW will be excavating for the foundation.

- ▶ Minier's Boat Launch (William T. Smith Boat Launch): has lost the ramp in the mud that was there – River Friends would like to have a boat launch that is usable.

- ▶ Anthony Magistro, Eagle Scout, has been in to see Larry regarding his project of building and installing more kiosks.

- ▶ Eat Well Play Hard childhood obesity prevention initiative of the New York State Department of Health Gold Shoe will be holding their event at two parks this year – Community Park Ext. Walking Trail and Sperr Park Walking Trail.

- ▶ Have received two quotes regarding repair to the little league fences and outfield fence – are awaiting one more.

V. Sheila noted having a conflict regarding the next meeting normally to be held Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – The group agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Parks Tours will begin.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held MONDAY, April 19, 2010 at 6 p.m. – Members are to meet at the Town Hall parking lot for PARKS TOURS.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Diliberto